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Subject: A Message from Secretary Bigby

Dear EOHHS staff,

Earlier today, in response to diminished revenue for FY10, Governor Patrick announced a series of cuts across the Executive Branch.

EOHHS, not including MassHealth, received about \$82.4 million worth of cuts, which represents less than 2% of the total cuts at this time. I am extraordinarily appreciative of the Governor's commitment to those we serve. Your agency leadership will brief you about how these cuts will impact your agency.

The process for developing a list of possible cuts is never easy and has been particularly challenging this time. I want to acknowledge the hard work of all of our budget staff and others in the agencies. While difficult decisions had to be made because of the impact of the national fiscal crisis, we have strived, as much as we can, to continue services and programs that protect the health and safety of people in the Commonwealth.

I know that people are working hard and understand the challenges that face us in the coming months. I thank you for your commitment and dedication.

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